

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) ~~In a server,~~ a A method for adding a new member to an active group call in a group communication network, the method comprising:

receiving a request for adding a member list to an active group call; and

adding the member list to the active group call.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, further including announcing the group call to each member in the member list.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, further including:
receiving acknowledgement from a member in the member list who wishes to participate in the group call; and

forwarding media to the member.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, further including triggering the member to re-establish its traffic channel before said forwarding the media.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, further including buffering media for transmission to the member after its traffic channel is re-established.

10. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the announcing includes transmitting a message on a forward common channel of a wireless network.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward paging channel (F-PCH) of the wireless network.

12. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward common control channel (F-CCCH) of the wireless network.

13. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message in short data burst (SDB) form.

14. (currently amended) ~~In a server, a~~ A computer-readable medium embodying a method for ~~initiating a~~ adding a new member to an active group call in a group communication network, the method comprising:

a) receiving a request for adding a member list to an active group call; and
adding the member list to the active group call.

15. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the method further includes announcing the group call to each member in the member list.

16. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the method further includes:

receiving acknowledgement from a member in the member list who wishes to participate in the group call; and
forwarding media to the member.

17. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 16, further including triggering the member to re-establish its traffic channel.

18. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the method further includes buffering media for transmission to the member after its traffic channel is re-established.

19. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the announcing includes transmitting a message on a forward common channel of a wireless network.

20. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward paging channel (F-PCH) of the wireless network.

21. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward common control channel (F-CCCH) of the wireless network.

22. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message in short data burst (SDB) form.

a) 23. (currently amended) ~~A server~~ An apparatus for adding a new member to an active group call in a group communication network, comprising:

means for receiving a request for adding a member list to an active group call; and

means for adding the member list to the active group call.

24. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 23, further including means for announcing the group call to each member in the member list.

25. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 24, further including:
means for receiving acknowledgement from a member who wishes to participate in the group call; and

means for forwarding media to the member.

26. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 25, further including means for triggering the member to re-establish its traffic channel.

27. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 26, further including means for buffering media for transmission to the member after its traffic channel is re-established.

28. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 24, wherein the means for announcing includes means for transmitting a message on a forward common channel of a wireless network.

29. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 28, wherein the means for transmitting includes means for transmitting the message on a forward paging channel (F-PCH) of the wireless network.

a 30. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 28, wherein the means for transmitting includes means for transmitting the message on a forward common control channel (F-CCCH) of the wireless network.

31. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 28, wherein the means for transmitting includes means for transmitting the message in short data burst (SDB) form.

32. (currently amended) ~~A server~~ An apparatus for adding a new member to an active group call in a group communication network, ~~the server~~ comprising:

- a receiver;
- a transmitter; and
- a processor communicatively coupled to the receiver and the transmitter, the processor being capable of:
 - receiving a request for adding a member list to an active group call; and
 - adding the member list to the active group call.

33. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein the processor is further capable of announcing the group call to each member in the member list.

34. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 33, wherein the processor is further capable of:

receiving acknowledgement from a member who wishes to participate in the group call;
and
forwarding media to the member.

35. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 34, further including triggering the member to re-establish its traffic channel.

36. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 35, wherein the processor is further capable of buffering media for transmission to the member after its traffic channel is re-established.

37. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 36, wherein the announcing includes transmitting a message on a forward common channel of a wireless network.

38. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 37, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward paging channel (F-PCH) of the wireless network.

39. (currently amended) The ~~server~~ apparatus of claim 37, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message on a forward common control channel (F-CCCH) of the wireless network.

40. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus of claim 37, wherein the transmitting includes transmitting the message in short data burst (SDB) form.

41. (currently amended) ~~A server~~ An apparatus for adding a new member to an active group call in a group communication network, the server comprising:

a dispatcher that receives a request for adding a new member to an active group call based on a member list; and

a controller that announces the group call based on the member list.